

IV. Claim 13, drawn to a kit, class 435, subclass 810.

V. Claims 14-19, drawn to nucleic acid vectors and recombinant host cells, class 536, subclass 320.1.

Applicant respectfully elects the claims of Group I for examination, with traverse. Traversal is made on the grounds that the relatedness of claims groups I and IV (both within class 435) would allow an Examiner to consider the patentability of both claims groups without undue burden. Immunoassay method claim 4 and kit claim 12 are related in the subject matter, in that the kit antibodies are made in response to the same antigen as is detected in method claim 4. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that the remaining claims be examined concurrently with those of Group I (and Group IV). The methods of Groups II and III are directed to the detection of the expression of the same protein as detected in Group I (and IV). Applicant does not take the position that claims to the methods and kit are obvious over one another.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time (one month). The Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1969 \$55.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17. It is believed that the present submission does not require the payment of any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17. If the amount submitted is incorrect, please charge any further fees under the foregoing Rules required to Deposit Account 07-1969 and effect any further extensions of time which may be required.

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